

MINUTES OF THE
MAG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
May 10, 2006
MAG Office Building - Saguaro Room
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Ed Beasley, Glendale, Chair	Mark Johnson, Guadalupe
Jan Dolan, Scottsdale, Vice Chair	Darryl Crossman, Litchfield Park
* George Hoffman, Apache Junction	Christopher Brady, Mesa
David Fitzhugh for Charlie McClendon, Avondale	Tom Martinsen, Paradise Valley
Carroll Reynolds, Buckeye	Terry Ellis, Peoria
Jon Pearson, Carefree	Frank Fairbanks, Phoenix
Usama Abujbarah, Cave Creek	* Cynthia Seelhammer, Queen Creek
Patrice Kraus, Chandler	* Bryan Meyers, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
B.J. Cornwall, El Mirage	Jim Rumpeltes, Surprise
Alfonso Rodriguez for Orlando Moreno, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation	Amber Wakeman for Will Manley, Tempe
# Tim Pickering, Fountain Hills	Reyes Medrano, Tolleson
* Lynn Farmer, Gila Bend	# Shane Dille, Wickenburg
Joseph Manuel, Gila River Indian Community	Mark Fooks, Youngtown
George Pettit, Gilbert	Bill Hayden for Victor Mendez, ADOT
Jerene Watson for Stephen Cleveland, Goodyear	Mike Ellegood for David Smith, Maricopa County
	David Boggs, Valley Metro/RPTA

- * Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.
- # Participated by telephone conference call.
- + Participated by videoconference call.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ed Beasley at 12:15 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chair Beasley announced that Tim Pickering and Shane Dille were attending via teleconference. He introduced the new member of the Management Committee, Joseph Manuel, from the Gila River Indian Community.

Chair Beasley stated that transit tickets were available from Valley Metro/RPTA for those using transit to come to the meeting. Parking validation was available from MAG staff for those who parked in the parking garage.

3. Call to the Audience

Chair Beasley stated that Call to the Audience provides an opportunity to the public to address the Management Committee on items that are not on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of MAG, or non-action agenda items that are on the agenda for discussion or information only. Chair Beasley noted that those wishing to comment on agenda items posted for action will be provided the opportunity at the time the item is heard. Public comments have a three minute time limit and there is a timer to help the public with their presentations. Chair Beasley stated that for members of the audience who wish to speak, comment cards were available from the staff.

Chair Beasley recognized public comment from Dianne Barker, who said that she had come to the meeting by bus. Ms. Barker stated that rapid transit on I-10 needs to be looked at because it is congested. She commented on exceedances at air quality monitors and said that she understood the region is now under federal mandate to reduce emissions by five percent. Ms. Barker stated that half of the \$463 million of funds in the TIP are air quality funds. Ms. Barker commented about congestion management scores for projects using these air quality funds. She stated that rail planning staff is to get residual funds from park and ride funds and asked why this would be done since there were no congestion management scores. Ms. Barker brought up that only one-quarter of bus stops have shelters. She said that those who need to use transit as their only source of transportation are not being taken care of. Ms. Barker stated that until congestion management is taken care of, it will not be fair. Chair Beasley thanked Ms. Barker for her comments.

4. Approval of Consent Agenda

Chair Beasley stated that public comment would be heard before action was taken on the consent items. Each speaker is provided with a total of three minutes to comment on the consent agenda. After hearing public comments, any member of the Committee can request that an item be removed from the consent agenda and considered individually. Chair Beasley stated that agenda items #4A, #4B, #4C, #4D, #4E, #4F, #4G, #4H, #4I, #4J, #4K, #4L, #4M, and #4N were on the consent agenda. There were no requests to hear an item individually.

Mr. Pettit moved to recommend approval of the consent agenda. Mr. Reynolds seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

4A. Approval of April 5, 2006 Meeting Minutes

The Management Committee, by consent, approved the April 5, 2006 meeting minutes.

4B. Consultant Contract for MAG Socioeconomic Model Enhancements Support

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the selection of Planning Technologies to support enhancing the MAG socioeconomic model for an amount not to exceed \$35,000. The FY 2006 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget includes \$35,000 for enhancing the MAG socioeconomic models. MAG is in the process of developing a statewide socioeconomic model, Arizona Socioeconomic Modeling, Analysis and Reporting Toolbox (AZ-SMART). The AZ-SMART socioeconomic modeling suite will primarily support socioeconomic activities at MAG. AZ-SMART will build upon a model that MAG currently uses, the Subarea Allocation Model (SAM). This model was developed by Planning Technologies. Since Planning Technologies is the developer of SAM, it is uniquely able to provide detailed technical guidance and support on the programming and implementation for AZ-SMART. Staff is recommending that Planning Technologies be selected to provide socioeconomic model enhancements in the amount of \$35,000.

4C. Consultant Selection for the MAG Highway Performance Monitoring System Traffic Count Study - Phase II

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the selection of Field Data Services of Arizona to conduct the MAG HPMS Traffic Count Study - Phase II for an amount not to exceed \$41,760. The FY 2006 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget includes funding to conduct traffic counts for the Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS). A request for proposals was advertised for the second phase of the MAG HPMS Traffic Count Study. One proposal was received from Field Data Services of Arizona. A multi-jurisdictional review team evaluated the proposal and recommended to MAG that Field Data Services of Arizona be selected. The contractor will conduct bi-directional volume and classification counts for five continuous days, on three separate occasions, in 2006. The counts will be conducted on the same route that the MAG Silt Loading Study is measuring particulate emissions.

4D. Consultant Selection to Provide MAG Travel Demand Software and Related Services and Amendment to the MAG FY 2006 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the selection of Caliper Corporation to provide travel demand software and related services for an amount not to exceed \$80,000, and to amend the FY 2006 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to include this project with funding being provided through MAG contingency funds. A core business of MAG is to provide transportation modeling services for the MAG member agencies. EMME/2, the software used for this computer modeling, has been in use since 1993. At the October 27, 2005 Transportation Review Committee meeting, staff discussed exploring other software that would provide more features for this region. This would provide MAG with new travel demand software in order to expand the model and achieve a high degree of GIS integration for modeling activities. A Request for Proposals was advertised and four proposals were received. A multi-jurisdictional evaluation team interviewed the firms and evaluated their software packages. On April 20, 2006, the evaluation team recommended to MAG the selection of Caliper Corporation to provide software and related services for an amount not to exceed

\$80,000. An amendment to the FY 2006 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget is needed to include this project, with the funding being provided through MAG contingency funds.

4E. Proposed Amendment and Administrative Adjustment to the FY 2006-2010 Transportation Improvement Program for Highway Projects

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of a TIP Amendment to add two regionally funded environmental studies to FY 2006 and an Administrative Adjustment to change the funding on four FY 2006 and 2007 ADOT freeway interchange construction projects from State and Local funds to Federal. Since approval of the FY 2006-2010 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) on July 25, 2005, ADOT has requested funding changes to four freeway interchange construction projects that are currently programmed in FYs 2006 and 2007 of the TIP with State and/or Local Funds. In addition, ADOT has requested the addition of two regionally funded environmental studies on I-10 between Loop 101 (Agua Fria Freeway) and Loop 303 and from Loop 303 to State Route 85 to FY 2006. The four construction projects are already listed in the current TIP and any material cost increases have already been approved as part of a prior Regional Council action. Therefore, a TIP Amendment is not required for them to proceed and air quality conformity is not affected, but an Administrative Adjustment is being processed to formally notify all interested parties of the proposed change to federal funding. However, the two studies are new additions to the TIP and an Amendment is required, although both studies are regarded as exempt for air quality conformity purposes. The Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of the proposed Amendment and Administrative Adjustment to the FY 2006-2010 TIP.

4F. Conformity Consultation

MAG is conducting consultation on a conformity assessment for an amendment to the FY 2006-2010 MAG Transportation Improvement Program. The amendment includes funding changes to four Arizona Department of Transportation freeway interchange projects that are currently programmed in fiscal years 2006 and 2007. In addition, the amendment includes two new Interstate-10 environmental studies in FY 2006. The amendment includes projects that may be categorized as exempt from conformity determinations and minor project revisions that do not require a conformity determination. This item was on the agenda for consultation.

4G. Department of Housing and Urban Development Stuart B. McKinney Continuum of Care Consolidated Application Process for Maricopa County

In April 2006, the MAG Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness received 48 Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) applications from nonprofit organizations in the region for homeless assistance funding. A rating and review process was administered by the Valley of the Sun United Way. The strategic rating and ranking of applications were completed on April 26, 2006. The application, recommendations, and rankings are due to HUD on May 25, 2006. The rankings were provided the Management Committee for information and discussion.

4H. Formation of a Human Services Transportation Coordination Stakeholders Group

The Management Committee, by consent, approved forming a Human Services Transportation Coordination Stakeholders Group. As part of the MAG Human Services and Senior Transportation Assessment and Coordination Project, it was requested that MAG convene a Human Services Transportation Coordination Stakeholders Group. The Group will represent human services agencies, elderly mobility stakeholders, service providers in the region, individuals who support United We Ride objectives, key decision-makers, and people willing to assume leadership positions on coordination issues. The group will meet once a month over eight months and will review and provide input for the coordination plan. This information is being presented to inform the municipalities about this activity and to solicit participation in the group.

4I. Domestic Violence Economic Case Statement Survey

The MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council's Victim Services Subcommittee is conducting a pilot survey of MAG member agencies to determine the criminal justice public service costs of domestic violence for municipalities in the MAG Region. This particular effort focuses on the related criminal justice services that are provided to domestic violence victims and the costs in prosecuting the abusers. This information is being presented to inform the municipalities of this effort and to garner support in ensuring 100 percent participation of the municipalities. The Regional Domestic Violence Council recommended approval of the draft survey. This item was on the agenda for information and discussion.

4J. Draft MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Amendment for the Service Area Expansion of the Litchfield Park Service Company Palm Valley and Sarival Water Reclamation Facilities

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the Draft MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Amendment for the Service Area Expansion of the Litchfield Park Service Company Palm Valley and Sarival Water Reclamation Facilities. The Town of Buckeye, the City of Glendale, and Maricopa County have expressed interest in the provision of sewer service by the Litchfield Park Service Company Palm Valley and Sarival Water Reclamation Facilities located in the Goodyear Municipal Planning Area to developments within their planning areas. The facilities are identified in the current MAG 208 Plan with reserve capacity to accommodate the sewer service needs of these developments. The cities of Goodyear and Surprise are within three miles of the project, and both have indicated no objections. A public hearing on the draft amendment was conducted on April 25, 2006. Following the hearing, the MAG Water Quality Advisory Committee unanimously recommended approval of the Draft 208 Plan Amendment.

4K. Draft MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Amendment for the Town of Buckeye Anthem at Sun Valley South and Tartesso East Water Reclamation Facilities

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the Draft MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Amendment for the Town of Buckeye Anthem at Sun Valley South and Tartesso East Water Reclamation Facilities. The Town of Buckeye has requested that MAG

amend the 208 Water Quality Management Plan to include the Anthem at Sun Valley South and Tartesso East Water Reclamation Facilities. The Anthem at Sun Valley South facility would have an ultimate capacity of 4.5 million gallons per day (mgd) and reclaimed water would be disposed of through reuse, recharge, and an Arizona Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (AZPDES) Permit discharge. The receiving stream for the AZPDES Permit discharge would be an unnamed wash tributary to the White Tanks Wash. Flow from the White Tanks Wash would be retained in the Flood Retardant Structure (FRS) No. 1 on the north side of Interstate 10. The FRS No. 1 is designed to retain flows from approximately the 100-year storm event. Beyond this storm event, flow would be discharged from the FRS No.1 into the Hassayampa River. The Tartesso East facility would have an ultimate capacity of 9.6 mgd and reclaimed water would be disposed of through reuse, recharge, and an AZPDES Permit discharge. The receiving stream for the AZPDES Permit discharge would be an unnamed wash. Flow from the wash would be retained in the FRS No. 1 on the north side of Interstate 10. Beyond the 100-year storm event, flow would be discharged from the FRS No. 1 into the Hassayampa River. The Maricopa County unincorporated area is within three miles of both projects, and the County has indicated no objections. A public hearing on the draft amendment was conducted on April 25, 2006. Following the hearing, the MAG Water Quality Advisory Committee unanimously recommended approval of the Draft 208 Plan Amendment.

4L. Management Committee Nomination Process

In June 2005, the Management Committee elected Mike Hutchinson as Chair and Ed Beasley as Vice Chair. In November 2005, due to the retirement of Mr. Hutchinson, the Management Committee elected Vice Chair Beasley as Chair and Jan Dolan as Vice Chair to serve the remainder of the term to June 30, 2006. According to the nomination process that was determined by the Management Committee in May 2002, the outgoing Chair of the Management Committee would be responsible for working with members to nominate a manager for the Vice Chair position, and the current Vice Chair would be nominated for the position of Chair. At the meeting, it was acknowledged that the tradition was for officers to serve two one-year terms, and that the positions rotate to achieve geographic balance. To date, the current Chair has served for one year, six months as Vice Chair and six months as the Chair. The Vice Chair has served six months. Traditionally these positions have served two one-year terms before rotating. In June, the election of officers will be held. This item was on the agenda for information and discussion.

4M. Status Report on the Arterial Life Cycle Program

Each quarter, MAG staff will provide member agencies with an update on projects in the Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP). As the program progresses, the information provided in this report will be updated. This is the first Status Report, January – March 2006, and includes changes to the approved October 26, 2005 ALCP that are in the Draft FY 2007 ALCP, a status report on ALCP Projects, an ALCP Revenue/Financial Section, and an upcoming ALCP schedule. This item was on the agenda for information and discussion.

4N. Consultant Selection for the MAG PM-10 Source Attribution and Deposition Study

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval that Sierra Research be selected for an amount not to exceed \$200,000 and Technical & Business Systems be selected for an amount not to exceed \$165,000, to perform the MAG PM-10 Source Attribution and Deposition Study. The FY 2006 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget includes \$200,000 to perform a PM-10 Source Attribution and Deposition Study. A request for proposals was advertised and six proposals were received from Clarkson University, HydroBio, Sierra Research, Sonoma Technology, Technical & Business Systems, and Weston Solutions. A multi-agency team met to evaluate the proposals. Due to the important role this Study will play in helping the region attain the PM-10 standard, the evaluation team recommended the selection of Sierra Research for an amount not to exceed \$200,000, and Technical & Business Systems, for an amount not to exceed \$165,000. The additional funding of \$165,000 will be obtained from MAG Contingency Funds.

5. Approval of the Draft FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

Becky Kimbrough, MAG Fiscal Services Manager, reported on the Draft FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget. Ms. Kimbrough stated that a revised copy of the "Programs in Brief" was at each place. Ms. Kimbrough stated that the draft budget has not changed from last month. She advised that last night, MAG had received notice of FTA 5303 funds for 2006.

Ms. Kimbrough stated that the budget is complete except for a recalculation of the final dues and assessment formula when the final population numbers are received at the end of June 2006, and from a final recommendation on the compensation update expected at the May 15, 2006 Regional Council Executive Committee meeting. She stated that two recommendations were forthcoming from the compensation study: 1) Set up a career path series. 2) Revise upward the compensation with particular focus on the modelers' compensation to stay competitive. Ms. Kimbrough advised that the results of the compensation study would have no impact to the budget.

Ms. Kimbrough stated that overall, the final draft FY 2007 budget totals approximately \$19 million and reflects a very slight decrease of 0.86 percent from the overall budgeted amount in FY 2006. Chair Beasley thanked Ms. Kimbrough for her report and asked members if they had questions.

Mr. Fooks asked if additional funds would be needed for the State commuter rail study. Dennis Smith replied that ADOT has requested assistance with its study. He said that when the commuter rail study scope of work is brought to the Management Committee, ADOT's request will be included in the motion. At that time, the budget would be amended. Mr. Smith noted that there were sufficient contingency funds in the budget to cover this. Mr. Fooks asked if that amount would be in addition to the MAG funds already allocated to commuter rail. Mr. Smith replied that was correct.

Mr. Pettit moved to recommend approval of the resolution adopting the Draft FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget and the member dues and assessments, pending receipt of the 2005 Census Survey numbers. Mr. Rumpeltes seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

6. Census Survey Update

Chair Beasley noted that representatives from the Census Bureau were joining the meeting by videoconference to answer questions.

Mr. Pettit, Chair of the Census Survey Oversight Committee, expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to work with member agency staffs on the 2005 Census Survey effort. He explained that when the process began in 2002, it was recognized that this would not be a typical census because of the magnitude of work and potential cost. Mr. Pettit stated that the Survey was no small task and required a great deal of staff time and dedicated work. He expressed appreciation to Heidi Pahl, MAG staff, and to the Census Bureau. Mr. Pettit stated that the Subcommittee on Population Options worked on determining September 1, 2005 as the Survey date so as to capture as much population as possible. He noted that in September 2003, the Management Committee recommended to the Regional Council proceeding with a survey and not a full count because it was determined that an appropriate estimate could result from a survey. Following this recommendation, the Regional Council approved proceeding with the survey. Mr. Pettit stated that the Census Survey Oversight Committee had several meetings over many months to work on preparation and implementation of the Survey. He thanked the City of Phoenix for leadership and funding of the census media and public outreach campaign. Mr. Pettit stated that the Census Bureau met with staff regularly and member agency staff provided them with the resources and support to make their work possible. He added that some savings were possible because of the commitment of some communities to provide information to the Census Bureau in a timely manner.

Heidi Pahl provided an update on current 2005 Census Survey activities, including member agency appeal and review, the Census Bureau's follow-up operation, and the submittal of survey results. She then addressed the member agency appeal and review process. Upon receipt of the 2005 Census Survey preliminary results, a member agency that felt its group quarters population count was inaccurate, wrote a letter to the Bureau appealing the count. Ms. Pahl stated that member agencies that had questions or concerns about their housing unit population and/or count of housing units, wrote a letter to the Bureau stating their concern and requested that the Census Bureau review the issue. She said that three group quarter appeal letters were submitted and 13 housing unit review letters were submitted. Ms. Pahl stated that six agencies submitted additional housing unit addresses, which totaled 7,500 units. She noted that the Census Bureau is reviewing all letters and will consider them when preparing the final results.

Ms. Pahl stated that the Census Bureau has redeployed staff in the field to resurvey a sample of housing units in order to validate their preliminary results. The Census Bureau is concentrating on units previously identified as vacant and on units in areas with a disproportionate number of low persons per household. She advised that the Census Bureau is also surveying a sample of the 7,500 additional housing units identified by member agencies. Ms. Pahl stated that all

census field work is being conducted by personal visit. There is no telephone or mail component for this follow-up operation.

Ms. Pahl stated that after the fieldwork is complete, the Census Bureau will process, review and evaluate the results and determine whether changes to the preliminary results are needed. According to the Census Bureau the resurvey effort and any necessary revisions that result from it will be completed by June 30, 2006.

Ms. Pahl stated that because state law requires that census figures be provided to the applicable state agencies by May 1, 2006, MAG has transmitted a letter and the preliminary population numbers to the Arizona State Treasurer, Director of the Arizona Department of Revenue, and the Director of the Arizona Department of Transportation. When the Census Bureau provides the final 2005 Census Survey results, MAG will submit those results to the appropriate state agencies by June 30, 2006. Ms. Pahl noted that the state has indicated they will accept and make any necessary adjustments to the distribution of revenue based on these results. Chair Beasley thanked Ms. Pahl for her report and asked members if they had questions.

Mr. Ellegood stated that the Census Survey was a major undertaking. He suggested a formal commendation be made to recognize Mr. Pettit, Ms. Pahl, and the Census Survey Oversight Committee for their efforts on the Survey. Mr. Beasley noted that a resolution could be prepared for a future Management Committee meeting.

Mr. Pettit stated that he appreciated the sentiments, and acknowledged that the survey was accomplished because of the efforts of the staffs of the entire region.

Chair Beasley expressed his appreciation to all staff who worked on the Survey, especially the City of Phoenix. Mr. Pettit expressed his thanks to the Census Bureau who made themselves available to complete this task.

7. Legislative Update

Matt Clark provided an update on legislative issues of interest. He reported that there seems to be progress on a compromise on eminent domain. He said that there is an effort among all parties to agree on legislative language and then find a bill to use to pass it through the legislature and send it to the Governor.

Mr. Clark said that he had reported last month on a memorandum from the Environmental Protection Agency notifying MAG and the Pima Association of Governments (PAG) that if certain transportation control measures in the air quality plans are not funded and implemented on time, conformity will lapse and major transportation projects will be stopped. Mr. Clark stated that the Legislature has indicated the trip reduction program will receive a one-time fix of \$1.7 million from the State's general fund. He added that next year, the Legislature will look at a long-term solution.

Mr. Clark stated that the Legislature and the Governor's Office continue to discuss several propositions on using some of the budget surplus for transportation. He said that MAG staff met

with legislative staff and emphasized MAG's request that there be no earmarks because of the Regional Transportation Plan in place.

Mr. Clark stated that HB 2381, regarding development impact fees, was amended on the floor of the House to remove the controversial sections on construction sales tax and impact fees. Mr. Clark stated that cities may still have a few concerns about the bill because of the unforeseen effects it may have on their Capital Improvement Plans. He stated that League of Arizona Cities and Towns was leading the opposition and that cities might want to contact Kevin Adam at the League.

8. Comments from the Committee

An opportunity will be provided for Management Committee members to present a brief summary of current events. The Management Committee is not allowed to propose, discuss, deliberate or take action at the meeting on any matter in the summary, unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

Mr. Ellegood stated that the County will conduct a recruitment process for a Director of Transportation. He added that he will continue as the Public Works Director and County Engineer. Mr. Ellegood said that he wished one or more city representatives would be on the selection committee.

Mr. Pettit stated that the past week has been a challenging one due to the death of Gilbert Police Officer Robert Targosz. He said that it was very special that Officer Targosz was recognized for his life and contributions. Mr. Pettit thanked Mr. Fairbanks for providing the City of Phoenix protocol officers to assist in the Town's efforts.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary